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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CARNEY ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey G. Hoekstra

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/20/2007 has been entered.

Notice of Amendment

2. In response to the amendment filed on 02/20/2007, amendment(s) to the specification, amended claim(s) 14, canceled claim(s) 1-13 and 19-20, and withdrawn claim(s) 21-28 is/are acknowledged. The current rejections of the claim(s) 14-18 is/are *withdrawn*. The following new and reiterated grounds of rejection are set forth:

Claim Objections

3. Claims 15 and 16 are objected to because of the following informalities: the abbreviation LbL is informal. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by March (US 2001/0034500 A1).

6. For claim 14, March discloses a kit (paragraph 28) for collecting an analyte of interest in a body fluid, comprising: a contact lens (1) for binding the analyte of interest in a tear fluid (paragraph 1), wherein said contact lens comprises molecular imprints for the analyte of interest (paragraphs 17, 26, and 27), wherein the molecular imprints for the analyte of interest are obtained by curing a polymerizable composition comprising an analyte of interest to form the contact lens (paragraphs 26-27) and then extracting the analyte of interest from the contact lens (paragraphs 19-20 and 26-27).

7. For claim 15, March discloses a kit, wherein the contact lens further comprises surface charges (paragraph 27) which are introduced by: preparing the contact lens from a composition comprising a positively or negatively charged monomer or macromer (paragraph 27); altering the chemical nature of chemical groups on the surface of the contact lens (paragraph 27); and applying a layer by layer (LbL) coating composed of at least one layer of a polyionic material onto the contact lens (paragraph 27).

8. For claim 16, March discloses a kit, wherein the contact lens has surface charges that are introduced by applying an LbL coating composed of at least one layer of a polyionic material onto the contact lens (paragraph 27).

9. For claim 17, March discloses a kit, wherein the contact lens further comprises a coating comprising a receptor that binds specifically the analyte of interest (paragraph 1 and 4).

10. For claim 18, March discloses a kit, wherein the receptor is selected from the group consisting of at least hormone receptors, drug receptors, and enzymes (paragraph 4).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey G. Hoekstra whose telephone number is (571) 272-7232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max F. Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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